

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination and search of the subject.

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Claims 242-248 and 250-288 are pending; Claims 242-244, 246, 257, 261, 266 and 280 have been currently amended; Claims 253, 255, 265, 272 and 274 have been withdrawn; Claim 267 has been withdrawn and currently amended; Claims 1-241 and 249 have been canceled. No new matter is believed to have been added.

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Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Applicant was required under 35 USC 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species stated are:

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Species I: a capacitor;

Species II: a resistor;

Species III: a filter;

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Species IV: an inductor.

Applicant provisionally elects to have examined the species described by the Examiner as Species I, which reads on Claims 242-248, 250-252, 254, 257-264, 266, 269-271, 273, 276, 279-283 and 286. This election is made with traverse of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.143 for the reasons given below.

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the Requirement for Election of Species given in the Office Action, because of the increased costs applicant would be forced to bear if the 4 species are separately examined.

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Furthermore, the field of search must necessarily cover all species, in addition to other

